GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4926
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2000
ROLE OF HARKAT- UL- MUJAHIDEEN IN HIJACKING
ABDUL HAMID

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `evidence of Pak hand impossible to disprove` appearing in the `Hindustan Times` dated January 28, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a)-(b) Yes, Sir. Government have seen the report appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 28th January 2000. Government are aware of the role of Pakistan and that of Pakistan-based terrorist organisations in the hijacking of IC-814. These terrorist organisations are actively assisted and supported by the Government of Pakistan.

(c) Government have brought to the attention of the international community the role played by Pakistan in the hijacking of IC-814. Government have also raised the matter with the Government of Pakistan and provided evidence to them on the involvement of their nationals in the hijacking. Government have raised the matter with the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) with the view to bring to the attention of the member countries the need to adopt appropriate measures to apprehend and extradite the hijackers. The hijacking incident highlighted to the international community Pakistan`s continued state sponsorship of terrorism and its attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of India.